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REFERENCE: LAUNCH POINT III
PLESETSK ICBM COMPLEX, USSR

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: LAUNCH POINT III IS SUSPECT AS THE SITE OF THE PLESETSK SATELLITE LAUNCHES.

2. REMARKS: LAUNCH POINT III IS A TYPE IA LAUNCH SITE, HAVING ONE RAIL-SERVED LAUNCH PAD. IT IS ONE OF 4 SUCH LAUNCH SITES LOCATED AT THE PLESETSK ICBM COMPLEX, AND THESE 4 ARE THE ONLY DEPLOYED IA SITES WHICH HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THE USSR. THE PROTOTYPE FOR THESE SITES IS LAUNCH AREA B1 AT THE TYURATAM MISSILE TEST CENTER, AND THE MISSILE SYSTEM ASSOCIATED WITH IA SITES IS THE SS-6 ICBM.

AT LAUNCH POINT III, THE SINGLE CONCRETE PAD IS BUILT OVER THE ESCARPMENT ALONG THE YEMTSA RIVER. A MISSILE GANTRY IS SITUATED ON THE PAD. A GUIDANCE FACILITY IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 3,950 FT SE OF THE LAUNCH PAD.

THE SS-6 WAS THE FIRST SOVIET ICBM. A

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MODIFIED VERSION OF THE SS-6 IS THE PRIMARY
SOVIET BOOSTER FOR SPACE VEHICLES LAUNCHED
FROM THE TYURATAM MTC INCLUDING ALL PHOTO-
GRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE SATELLITES.

3. LOCATION: APPROXIMATELY 15 NM NNE OF PLESETSK AND 4 NM
NW OF THE PLESETSK ICBM COMPLEX SUPPORT FACIL-
ITY.

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5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION:



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6. NEGATION DATE: NONE

7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE: 17 KH-4 AND ONE KH-7 MISSIONS.

8. DIMENSIONS/
SPECIFICATIONS: LAUNCH PAD ----- 105 X 100 FT

MISSILE READY BUILDING - 180 X 130 FT

9. MISSION READOUT: A LARGE BUILDING IS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THE SITE OF A PREVIOUSLY REPORTED EXCAVATION LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE RAIL SPUR AND JUST SOUTH OF THE SECURED AREA AT LAUNCH POINT III. NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT CHANGES WERE OBSERVED.

THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED UNIDENTIFIED AREA LOCATED 2 NM WSW OF THE COMPLEX SUPPORT FACILITY CAN NOW BE IDENTIFIED AS A PROBABLE ELECTRONIC FACILITY. THIS FACILITY IS APPROXIMATELY 3 NM SSE OF LAUNCH POINT III AND IS CONNECTED TO IT BY A WELL-ENGINEERED DIRECT ACCESS ROAD. THE PROBABLE ELECTRONIC FACILITY CONTAINS ONE LARGE AND 6 SMALLER BUILDINGS. THE LARGE BUILDING HAS A PROBABLE RADAR RING PEDESTAL ON EACH END OF THE ROOF. THE AREA DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE SECURED.



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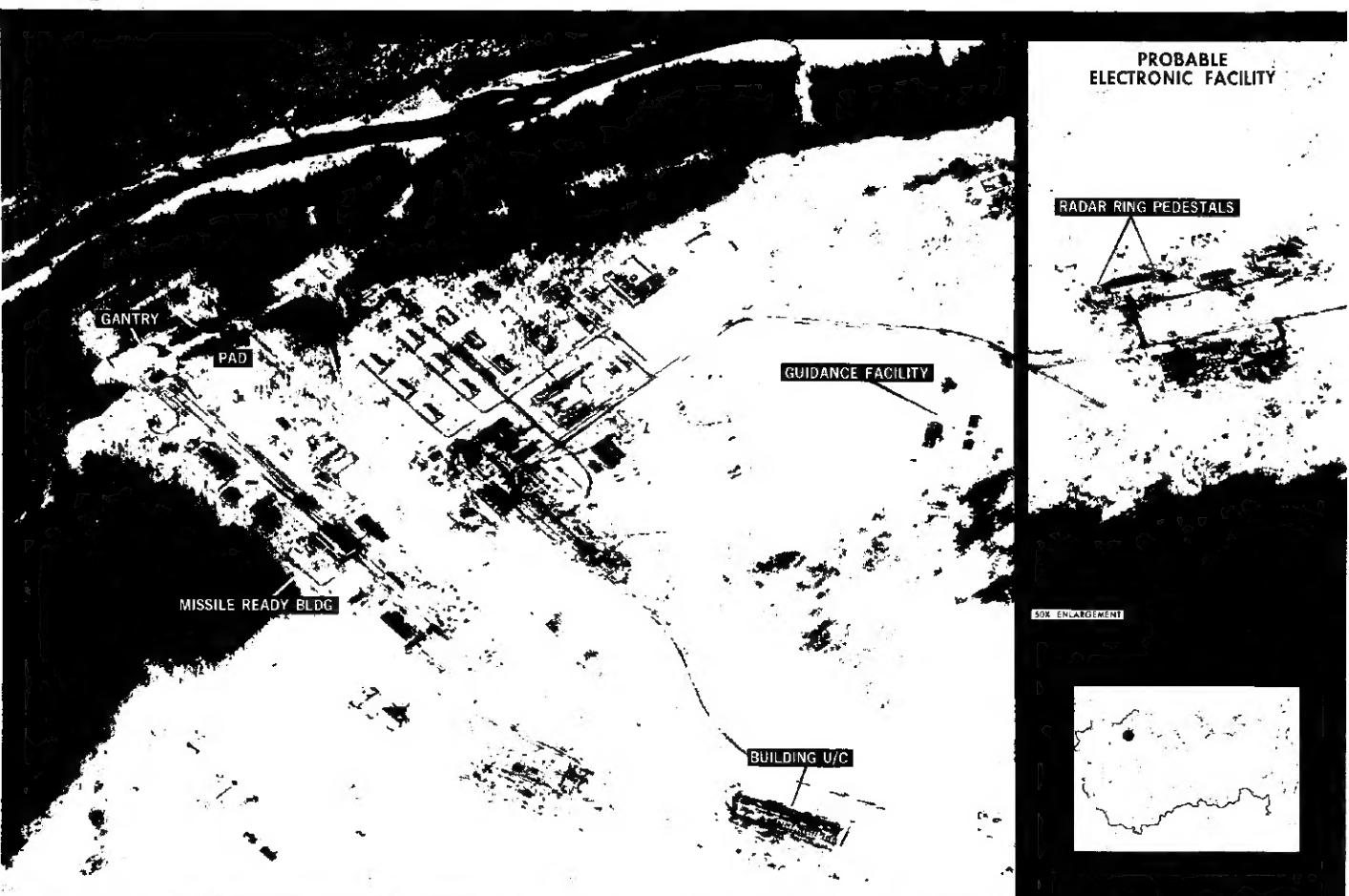
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